

Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing the microbial contamination of a meat product, comprising treating the meat product with a sufficient amount of lactoferrin selected from the group consisting of bovine, human, and recombinant human lactoferrin to reduce microbial contamination.
2. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing the microbial contamination of a meat product, comprising treating the meat product with a sufficient amount of isolated lactoferrin selected from the group consisting of bovine, human, and recombinant human lactoferrin to reduce microbial contamination.
3. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing the microbial contamination of a meat product, comprising treating the meat product with a sufficient amount of lactoferrin selected from the group consisting of bovine, human, and recombinant human lactoferrin mixed with a carrier to reduce microbial contamination.
4. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing the microbial contamination of a meat product, comprising treating the meat product with a sufficient amount of lactoferrin selected from the group consisting of bovine, human, and recombinant human lactoferrin mixed with a nutritionally acceptable carrier to reduce microbial contamination.
5. (Currently Amended) A method for reducing the microbial contamination of a meat product, comprising treating the meat product with a sufficient amount of isolated lactoferrin selected from the group consisting of bovine, human, and recombinant human lactoferrin mixed with a nutritionally acceptable carrier to reduce microbial contamination.
6. (Previously presented) A method in accordance with claim 1, wherein said lactoferrin is a recombinantly produced lactoferrin.

7. (Previously presented) A method in accordance with claim 3, wherein said lactoferrin is a recombinantly produced lactoferrin.